

Thursday, July 20, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1996

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10329–S10444

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1052 and 1053, and S. Res. 155. Page S10426

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 919, to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–117)

S. Res. 103, to proclaim the week of October 15 through October 21, 1995, as National Character Counts Week. Page S10426

Measures Passed:

Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1996: Senate passed H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, after agreeing to committee amendments, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S10340–67, S10373–86, S10400–20

Adopted:

(1) By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 312) Byrd Amendment No. 1802, to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should consider a resolution requiring each accredited member of the Senate Press Gallery to file an annual public report with the Secretary of the Senate disclosing the member's primary employer and any additional sources and amounts of earned outside income. Pages S10350–57

(2) Brown Amendment No. 1805, to prohibit the hiring of new elevator operators to operate automatic elevators. Page S10363–64

(3) Feingold Amendment No. 1803, to express the sense of the Senate that the 104th Congress should consider comprehensive campaign finance reform legislation. (By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No.

313), Senate earlier rejected a motion to table the amendment.)

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(4) By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 314), Dole Amendment No. 1807 (to Amendment No. 1803), of a perfecting nature. Pages S10373, S10380

(5) Specter Amendment No. 1806, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding war crimes in the Balkans. Pages S10364–67, S10419

(6) By 84 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 318), Murray Modified Amendment No. 1826, to provide that none of the funds in this Act may be used to award Federal contracts to unqualified persons, in reverse discrimination, or in quotas, or is inconsistent with the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Adarand Constructors, Inc., v. Peña* on June 12, 1995. Pages S10402–18

(7) Mack (for Dole) Amendment No. 1828, to retain the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office. Page S10419

(8) Mack (for Simon) Amendment No. 1829, to repeal the prohibitions against political recommendations relating to Federal employment. Page S10419

(9) Mack (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1830, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act relating to the submission of a study by the Administrative Conference of the United States. Page S10419

(10) Mack (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1831, relating to the reduction in facilities energy costs. Pages S10419–20

(11) Mack Amendment No. 1832, to strike language relative to law enforcement on Library of Congress property at Ft. Meade, Maryland. Pages S10419–20

Rejected:

(1) Hollings Amendment No. 1808, to restore funding for the Office of Technology Assessment. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 316), Senate rejected a motion to table the amendment.)

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(2) By 36 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 317). Gramm Amendment No. 1825, to ensure equal opportunity and merit selection in the award of Federal contracts.

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Withdrawn:

(1) Mack (for McConnell) Amendment No. 1804 (to Amendment No. 1803), in the nature of a substitute.

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(2) Exon (for Murray) Amendment 1827 (to Amendment No. 1825), of a perfecting nature.

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U.S. Insular Areas Authorizations: Senate passed S. 638, to authorize appropriations for United States insular areas, after agreeing to an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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D.C. Transportation Projects: Senate passed S. 1023, to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996.

Pages S10442–43

Bosnia/Herzegovina Self-Defense Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 21, to terminate the United States arms embargo applicable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Dole Amendment No. 1801, in the nature of a substitute.

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Comprehensive Regulatory Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 343, to reform the regulatory process, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

(1) Dole Amendment No. 1487, in the nature of a substitute.

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(2) Ashcroft Amendment No. 1786 (to Amendment No. 1487), to provide for the designation of distressed areas within qualifying cities as Regulatory Relief Zones and for the selective waiver of Federal regulations within such zones.

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(3) Hutchison/Ashcroft Amendment No. 1789 (to Amendment No. 1786), in the nature of a substitute.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 315), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on Amendment No. 1487, listed above.

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Emergency Supplemental/Rescissions, 1995: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1944, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred at Oklahoma City, and making rescissions for fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Wellstone/Moseley-Braun Amendment No. 1833, to strike certain rescissions, and to provide an offset.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and the amendment pending thereto, on Friday, July 21, 1995.

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Military Construction Appropriations, 1996—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, on Friday, July 21, 1995.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James A. Joseph, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

31 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Reports of Committees:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—318)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 11:27 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, July 21, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S10443.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1004, to authorize funds for the United States Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1048, to authorize funds for certain programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the Committee, the amendment authorizes \$13.8 billion for fiscal year 1996.);

An original bill authorizing funds for Amtrak and for local rail revitalization programs;

S. 187, to provide for the safety of journeymen boxers;

S. 981, to preserve Congressional involvement with regard to Federal regulations on truck trailer length issues pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement;

S. 583, to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessels *Resolution* and *Perseverance*;

S. 653, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Aura*;

S. 654, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Sunrise*;

S. 655, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Marantha*;

S. 656, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Quietly*;

S. 680, to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Yes Dear*;

S. 739, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Sisu*;

S. 763, to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Evening Star*;

S. 802, to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Royal Affaire*;

S. 808, to extend the deadline for the conversion of the vessel *M/V Twin Drill*;

S. 826, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Prime Time*;

S. 869, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Dragonessa*;

S. 889, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Wolf Gang II*;

S. 911, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for the vessel *Sea Mistress*;

S. 975, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Jajo*;

S. 1016, to issue a certificate of documentation with the appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Magic Carpet*;

S. 1017, to issue a certificate of documentation with the appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Chrissy*;

S. 1040, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Onrust*;

S. 1041, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Explorer*;

S. 1046, to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsements for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for fourteen former U.S. Army hovercrafts;

S. 1047, to issue certificates of documentation and coastwise trade endorsements for the vessels *Enchanted Isles* and *Enchanted Seas*; and

The nominations of Roberta L. Gross, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Vera Alexander, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Robert Clarke Brown, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

Also, committee began markup of S. 387, to encourage enhanced State and Federal efforts to reduce traffic deaths and injuries and improve traffic safety among high-risk drivers, but did not complete consideration thereon, and recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries and Wildlife resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, focusing on the recovery, delisting and downlisting provisions and the international effects of the Endangered Species Act, receiving testimony from Mollie Beattie, Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior;